

**ST. DAVID'S UNITED
CHURCH
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2018**



A Praying Community

Growing and Deepening our Spiritual Lives in an Affirming and Inclusive community

WELCOME TO ST. DAVID'S UNITED CHURCH

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We gather as a Christ-infused Community of Faith

Regardless of your age, stage, gender, sexual identity, or how great or small you feel your faith is we each bring something of ourselves to this place. Come as you are -- and be.

Prior to the service the Creation and Affirming candles were lit to affirm that all humanity and creation must be respected and valued. The Treaty 7/Metis Region 3 candle was lit to show respect for the land and to affirm our continued commitment to live into right relations with our indigenous brothers and sisters.

SEED FOR MEDITATION

Every true prayer is a prayer of the Church; by means of that prayer the Church prays, since it is the Holy Spirit living in the Church, who in every single soul 'prays in us with unspeakable groanings'. Edith Stein

PRELUDE

*Sonata No. 8 Op. 30 No. 3
I. Allegro assai, II. Tempo di minuetto*

L. Beethoven

NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY AND GREETING

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

May this candle remind us that the light of Christ is with us always; within us and around us, bringing warmth and hope and love whenever we notice it.

Amen.

ENTRANCE INTO WORSHIP

People of God,
look around and see the faces of those we know and love,

neighbours and friends, sisters and brothers,

a community of kindred hearts.

People of God,

look around and see the faces of those we hardly know,
strangers, visitors, forgotten friends,

ones who need an outstretched hand.

People of God,

look around and see all the images of God assembled here.

In me, in you, in each of us,

God's spirit shines for all to see.

People of God, come. Let us worship together.

Come, let us worship.

HYMN

God We Praise You for the Morning

VU #415

1
God, we praise you for the morning;
hope springs forth with each new day,
new beginning, prayer, and promise,
joy in work and in play.

2
God, we praise you for creation,
mountains, seas, and prairie land.
Waking souls find joy and healing
in your bountiful hand.

3
God, we praise you for compassion,
all the loving that you show;
human touching, tears, and laughter,
help your children to grow.

4

God, we praise you for your Spirit,
Comforter and daily friend,
restless searcher, gentle teacher,
strength and courage you send.

5
God, we praise you for the Saviour,
come that we may know your ways.
In his loving, dying, rising,
Christ is Lord of our days.

6
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
hallelujah, hallelujah!
Hallelujah, hallelujah!
Christ is Lord of our days!

GATHERING PRAYER

Awesome God, as leaves begin to turn to glorious shades and as people of all ages settle into new rhythms, we are thankful for the steadfast patterns of faithful living. We praise you for this congregation, which seeks to be a holy community. As we gather, help us to support and encourage each other. May this time of worship challenge the complacent, soothe the restless, and inspire all. We pray in the name of our Redeemer. Amen.

Laura Turnbull, Penticton U.C., Penticton, B.C.

FAITH CHAT AND SONG

. . .to hear the wisdom of God.

READINGS

Reading from Letters of the Early Church: James 5:13-16 The Prayer of Faith (The Inclusive Bible)

Are any of you in trouble? Then pray. Are any of you in good spirits? Then sing a hymn of praise. Are any of you sick? Then call for the elders of the church and have them pray over those who are sick, and anoint them with oil in the name of Christ. And this prayer offered in faith will make them well, and Christ will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. So confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed.

Thoughts on Prayer

I love this interpretation of a prayer. What is a prayer? Prayer doesn't only happen when we kneel or put our hands together and focus and expect things from God. Thinking positive and wishing good for others is a prayer. When you hug a friend. That's a prayer. When you cook something to nourish family and friends. That's a prayer. When we send off our near and dear ones and say, 'drive safely' or 'be safe'. That's a prayer. When you are helping someone in need by giving your time and energy. You are praying. When you forgive someone, that is a prayer. Prayer is a vibration. A feeling. A thought. Prayer is the voice of love, friendship, genuine relationships. Prayer is an expression of your silent being. Keep praying always. - anonymous

ANTHEM *It Is Well With My Soul*

REFLECTION I'll pray for you. Will you pray for me?

HYMN Spirit Open My Heart

MV #79

Spirit open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and giving,
Spirit open my heart.
God, replace my stony heart
with a heart that's kind and tender.
All my coldness and fear
to your grace I now surrender.
Write your love upon my heart
as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word, and deed,
may my living bring you glory.
May I weep with those who weep,
share the joy of sister, brother.
In the welcome of Christ,
may we welcome one another.

We respond. . .

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

Source of all goodness and compassion,
move us this day to be generous in our giving and caring.
May we not hold back in fear or self-protection
but give so that others might find renewed meaning and hope
in this life, in this time. In Christ's name we pray. Amen

OFFERTORY

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

RECEPTION OF OFFERING/DEDICATION HYMN

v. 3 VU #518

3 With gratitude and humble trust
we bring our best to you,
not just to serve your cause, but share
your love with neighbours too.
O God, who gave yourself to us
in Jesus Christ, your son,
help us to give ourselves each day
until life's work is done.

MEDITATIONS OF THE HEART & THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE PRAYER OF JESUS

A Paraphrase

VU #916

Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker of all that is and that shall be.
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo
Through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed
By peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done
By all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
Sustain our home and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
Now and for ever. Amen.

HYMN

May the God of Hope Go With Us

VU #424

1 May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace,
singing, share our joy with all,
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.

2 May the God of healing free the earth from fear,
freeing us for peace, both treasured and pursued.
May the God of love keep our commitment clear
to a world restored, to human life renewed. R

...and are blessed.

BLESSING

SUNG BENEDICTION

VU #454

May God who creates us give us light;
May God who sustains us make us wise;
May God who protects us give us joy,
May God who surrounds us give us peace

POSTLUDE

*Sonata No. 8 Op. 30 No. 3
III. Allegro Vivace*

L. Beethoven

Worship and Spiritual Nurture - October 7, 2018

Presiding Rev. Peggy McDonagh
Thanksgiving & World Communion

WELCOME TO ST. DAVID'S UNITED CHURCH

We hope that your heart is touched, your faith inspired, and your spiritual life deepened in this gathering time and worship experience. If you are visiting for the first time please know that you are welcome, you are valued, and you enhance this sacred place by your presence.

If you wish to know more about St. David's, please fill in a "Response Card" found at the back of the Sanctuary and place it in the box or the offering plate.

Thank you for making this a scent free environment. It is a joy to have you with us today, please be welcomed and embraced. Please join us following worship in the TM room for conversation, coffee/tea and fellowship. Washrooms are opposite the front entrance and in the basement.

OFFERING ENVELOPES are available in the Voices United hymn book, at the back of the church, or from an usher. If you would like to have contribution envelopes, please contact the office. Tax receipts are issued at the end of the year for all identified donations and offerings. If you give through PAR, PAR cards are available from the ushers to be placed on the offering plate as a symbol of your offering given through PAR.

PRAYER CONCERNS The prayer chain is committed to praying for you in times of crisis for a period of 30 days. Please contact the office or one of the ministers.

FLOWERS enhance our church services each Sunday. Remember loved or joyous occasions all year with donations to the flower fund. Dedications are placed in the worship folder.

If anyone has celebrations or events they wish to have acknowledged in the worship folder or newsletter, please contact the office administrator at the church office at 403 284-2276 or admin@sduc.ca no later than Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.

PASTORAL CARE *If you have any pastoral concerns about yourself or others please contact Peggy McDonagh at the church office. If you know someone who is in long term care, in hospital or needs a visit, please contact the office.*

We need your help ... in a congregation the size of St. David's it can be difficult to know who has not been present in worship for some time. If you are aware of someone you have not seen for a while, please contact the office or contact the people and let them know that they are missed. As a congregation, we all must be aware of one another and acknowledge those absent to ensure everyone feels cared for and valued. Let us all do our part to keep connected.

THANKS TO THOSE ASSISTING WITH OUR SUNDAY WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

- Greeters.....September Sacred Service Team
- Ushers.....September Sacred Service Team
- Counters.....Heather Chub Way & Bob Clare
- Reader.....Betsy Woolner
- Projection.....PSALT Team
- Sunday Receptionist.....Marion Whitman

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 Minute Speak.....Ruth Cross, Bob Clare

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ST. DAVID'S WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun. Sept 30	10:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 2:30 pm	Sunday Worship – Sanctuary Faith Quest – Robertson Hall Refreshments – Robertson Hall Iglesia Ni Cristo Church – Sanctuary & TM Room
Mon. Oct 1	12:30 pm 1:30 pm 5:30 pm 5:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Best Beginnings – Robertson Hall Prayer Shawl Meeting – TM Room Sparks – TM Room Brownies – Robertson Hall Girl Guides – Robertson Hall ACTS Book Study – TM Room Angel Voices - Sanctuary
Tues. Oct 2	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Iglesia Ni Cristo Church of Christ – Sanctuary & TM Room Hearts & Hands – Lacombe Room
Wed. Oct 3	9:30 am 10:00 am 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Qigong – Robertson Hall Staff Meeting – TM Room Healing Touch – Robertson Hall Adult Recreational Choir - Sanctuary
Thurs. Oct 4	9:30 am 7:00 pm 8:00 pm	ACTS Bible Study – TM Room Chamber Choir Practice - Sanctuary Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
Fri. Oct 5	4:00 pm	Anthony Edmunds Music Lessons – Lacombe
Sat. Oct 6	6:00 pm 6:00 pm	Drama Rehearsal - Sanctuary True Light Church – Robertson Hall
Sun. Oct 7	10:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 2:30 pm	Sunday Worship – Sanctuary Faith Quest – Robertson Hall Refreshments – TM Room Iglesia Ni Cristo Church – Sanctuary & TM Room

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